

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office action dated May 3, 2006. Applicant is appreciative of Examiner's comments regarding the allowability of the claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 14.

Claims 2 and 7 were cancelled in a previous Amendment. By way of this Amendment, claims 11-13 have been canceled. The cancellation of these claims should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections stated. These claims were cancelled solely to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 14 are presently under consideration in this application.

37 CFR 1.84 OBJECTIONS

FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 have been objected under various provisions of 37 CFR 1.84. Applicant has corrected the noted objections in Form PTO-948. Specifically, the interlineations of FIG. 1 and FIG.2 have been removed, the lines and numbers are now uniform and clean, and the reference numerals are legible and comply with 37 CF 1.84(p)(3). Applicant respectfully submits that the enclosed replacement drawings for FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 are now in proper form.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that the specification and claims are in proper form and clearly define patentable subject matter with respect to the prior art. If there are any additional fees or refunds required, the Commissioner is directed to charge or debit Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.

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